to the Administrator of General Services, the agency shall set forth the action taken or contemplated by the agency to correct the improper conditions established by the investigation. Where any matter is referred to the Department of Justice, a copy of the letter of referral shall be transmitted to the Administrator of General Services.

# Subpart 101–47.4—Management of Excess and Surplus Real Property

#### § 101-47.400 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes the policies and methods governing the physical care, handling, protection, and maintenance of excess real property and surplus real property, including related personal property, within the States of the Union, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

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## § 101-47.401 General provisions of subpart.

#### § 101-47.401-1 Policy.

It is the policy of the Administrator of General Services:

- (a) That the management of excess real property and surplus real property, including related personal property, shall provide only those minimum services necessary to preserve the Government's interest therein, realizable value of the property considered.
- (b) To place excess real property and surplus real property in productive use through interim utilization: *Provided*, That such temporary use and occupancy will not interfere with, delay, or retard its transfer to a Federal agency or disposal.
- (c) That excess and surplus real property which is dangerous to the public health or safety shall be destroyed or rendered innocuous.

#### § 101-47.401-2 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

(a) Maintenance. The upkeep of property only to the extent necessary to offset serious deterioration; also such operation of utilities, including water supply and sewerage systems, heating, plumbing, and air-conditioning equipment, as may be necessary for fire protection, the needs of interim tenants, and personnel employed at the site, and the requirements for preserving certain types of equipment.

(b) Repairs. Those additions or changes that are necessary for the protection and maintenance of property to deter or prevent excessive or rapid deterioration or obsolescence, and to restore property damaged by storm, flood, fire, accident, or earthquake.

### § 101-47.401-3 Taxes and other obligations.

Payments of taxes or payments in lieu of taxes (in the event of the enactment hereafter of legislation by Congress authorizing such payments upon Government-owned property which is not legally assessable), rents, and insurance premiums and other obligations pending transfer or disposal shall be the responsibility of the holding agency.

#### $\S 101-47.401-4$ Decontamination.

The holding agency shall be responsible for all expense to the Government and for the supervision of decontamination of excess and surplus real property that has been subjected to contamination with hazardous materials of any sort. Extreme care must be exercised in the decontamination, and in the management and disposal of contaminated property in order to prevent such properties becoming a hazard to the general public. The disposal agency shall be made cognizant of any and all inherent hazards involved relative to such property in order to protect the general public from hazards and to preclude the Government from any and all liability resulting from indiscriminate disposal or mishandling of contaminated property.

## § 101–47.401–5 Improvements or alterations.

Improvements or alterations which involve rehabilitation, reconditioning, conversion, completion, additions, and